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Maryville City Council will revisit raising the city's bar entry age from 19 to 21, which did not pass in May. Other proposed ordinances could create open container and nuisance party laws.

## Bar age debate still leaves question mark for city

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Guess what Maryville, city officials are debating changing the bar entry age... again.

Though Maryville City Council denied passing the law last summer that would prevent underage students from entering local bars, change could come soon.

City Council members at a Jan. 13 meeting decided to revisit proposed laws that would increase the city's minimum bar age

from 19 to 21, along with other ordinances.

After the 2-3 vote in May that killed the proposed ordinance, Mayor Jim Fall and Councilman Jeff Funston, who voted against the ordinance, switched sides on the issue. After a period of public input, Councilwoman Renee Riedel sat as the lone vote against the ordinances, 4-1 Jan. 13.

"I had said that if it were a part of an overall comprehensive plan, then I would favor looking at it again," Fall said. "I would hope that the overall package would be looked at favorably."

During the Jan. 13 meeting, Keith Wood, Maryville Public Safety director, proposed a package of alcohol-related ordinances that will also be up for discussion and a possible vote, including an open container law, a nuisance party ordinance and a mutual-aid agreement, as well as the bar-age ordinance.

The City Council will vote on the bar age issue at its next meeting Jan. 27. The meeting will begin with a public hearing

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If passed, the bar age and other alcohol ordinances will go into effect **July 1**. Anyone wanting to voice their opinion should attend the City Council meeting **Monday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.** Drafts of the ordinances are online at [www.maryville.org/publicinput](http://www.maryville.org/publicinput). Send comments to the city manager at [mcdanel@maryville.org](mailto:mcdanel@maryville.org).

## Film producer replaces Rouch

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Northwest went all the way to Tinseltown and came back with an experienced film producer to take over former professor Matt Rouch's classes in the mass communications department.

The University approached Justin Ross, Theo Ross' son, to fill in as a temporary replacement for the semester. Not only will Ross teach his Hollywood knowledge, he will also take a walk down memory lane with his father.

"I am an alumni and before that I was a townie," Justin Ross said. "I still have family here. My father teaches and directs plays, and so I always come back as often as possible to see him and the people I still know."

Justin Ross is teaching four classes in Wells Hall and said he is greatly blessed to be teaching and sharing the profession with his father, Theo Ross.

Before the department asked Justin Ross to fill the open position, he was working as a head of development for a motion picture company. The latest film he worked on was "Texas Chainsaw Massacre 3D." Justin Ross has lived in L.A. for six years and plans to return after his teaching semester is over.

"If this was more than a semester, I probably couldn't do it," Justin Ross said. "We have a couple feature films that are getting close to production."

Justin Ross claims that most of his success is due to



Justin Ross

Northwest. He attended Horace Mann Laboratory School, received his undergraduate degree from Northwest and made fond memories he said he will remember and relive while teaching on campus.

"I've grown up on this campus," Justin Ross said. "And you know, after school I'd hang out with my dad in the performing arts center and watch him direct actors. It's kind of in my blood."

"And not just coming back and being part of the Northwest family on the substantial level, which I love, but to be able to contribute to the next generation of students is even more rewarding."

Students are also enjoying Justin Ross' time in Maryville, and seem to be proactive in his classes.

"You can tell that Justin really cares about our ideas," senior Chance Parsons said. "Instead of shooting them down right away, he will spend a gracious amount of his time to help craft and mold your idea to the best potential."

Ross has created a fresh, new vibe for the classes he is teaching, and his overall presence in Wells Hall is noticeable.

"It's wonderful (to have him in town)..." Theo Ross said. "We relate as colleagues now, which we have always related as a father and son. But it's a different perspective. It is interesting, but I am enjoying it."

## Students see parking as obvious problem

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Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

The lack of parking has been an annoyance for commuters. There are many commuters who feel the lack of parking options is harming both their schooling and work opportunities.

Ashley Huskey, a commuter student, said she feels there is not enough quality parking spots designated for commuters.

"I also do not think it is fair for the commuters to have to walk half-way across campus to get to class be-

cause all of the commuter/staff/resident lots are filled with residents," Huskey said. "We have four lots and none of them are close to any of the class buildings."

Another frustration that seems to come up is how it harms students who end up having to park in a non-commuter place.

"Commuter students are the ones that get tickets because we can't find parking spots, and we are forced to park far away and possibly be late for class, wait for a spot to open and possibly be late for class or park in a spot that we are not supposed to in

order to make it to class on time and possibly get a ticket," Huskey said.

Senior Tierra Hogan, who works on campus as a student manager at KXCV, is one of the people who feels a commuter parking pass is just not worth it.

"We are spending a large amount of money to go here," Hogan said. "If I am having to spend 90 extra dollars, they need to make it worth it."

One of the simplest solutions for the problem seems to be creating a new parking lot.

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## Aquatic Center to make way for possible fitness upgrade

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The space formerly known as the Robert P. Foster Aquatic Center may soon become home for students seeking a different type of workout.

A preliminary plan could expand the vacant space into a new fitness center by fall 2015.

The plan has been developed by a group of University personnel consisting of Athletic Director Mel Tjeerdsma; Matt Baker, vice president of student affairs; Robert Lade, director of recreational sports; as well as Matthew Symonds, health and physical education professor.

"For a school of 7,000 students, what we have for a fitness center is not very much," Tjeerdsma said.



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The proposed fitness center would take over the former Robert P. Foster Aquatic Center. If passed, the center is expected to be open in fall 2015.

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AARON SCARBROUGH | NW MISSOURIAN

Derek Perkins, first grader at Eugene Field Elementary School, takes time away from learning to play with his furry friend, Lazarus.

## Puppies make helpful classmates for Eugene Field first graders

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Students at Eugene Field Elementary School have a few new classmates this year, but they aren't typical new students. Twice a week, Lazarus, Moses and Magellan join Beth Goudge, special education teacher, in her classroom for an hour of furry, four-legged one-on-one time.

Lazarus is a chocolate lab with eyes that could melt the Grinch's heart. Fondly known as Laz, he specializes with his human companions, Kevin and Julie Romig, in working with children with special needs. Moses and Magellan, German pointers, enjoy a good book and allow children a safe and comfortable opportunity to read and socialize with them for up to an hour at a time. The dogs are trained therapy dogs who meet with students who may struggle with reading or have other special needs.

When Kevin and his wife moved to Maryville in August from San Mar-

cos, Texas, they brought with them their special team ready and willing to serve. Kevin said they began their journey with the national organization Pet Partners in 2008.

"At first, we just did nursing home visits, and those were great because Lazarus would just love it," Kevin said. "He'd get excited, and I think it ended up being more therapeutic for the nursing home staff than the residents. That was a real rewarding experience."

The demand for the dogs soon became more than the Romigs could handle, and they began recruiting their friends with dogs to join the program. They transitioned into schools after another human-dog pair preferred the nursing home. This is where the Romigs began seeing what they called "unexpected benefits."

"One of the problems in elementary education in some of the lower income schools was attendance,"

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Northwest Director of Athletics Mel Tjeerdsma is a finalist for the head coaching postion at Sam Houston State. Follow us at @NWMSports for updates.

## Senior thrower back to title hunt after year away from field

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Sports Editor | @schoon54

Sometimes it takes drastic circumstances to cause you to sit back and re-evaluate your priorities, and for one Northwest track star, it took a year away from school and sports to understand that student comes before athlete.

Senior thrower Lekiesha McKnight was not allowed to attend Northwest due to academic reasons last year and attended Longview Community College before being admitted back to Northwest.

“Basically, I just learned that if you stay motivated and do what you have to do and everything will pay off in the long run,” McKnight said. “You get sidetracked with things that are going on, but you have to know what you are here for. You are here for an education first off, and you want to excel as an athlete.”

Looking back, McKnight realizes she used throwing as an outlet and forgot that it takes more than excelling in athletics to make it at the collegiate level.

“I had a lot of things going on personally,” McKnight said. “The only thing I was going to was track. I knew I could go to track and get my mind off stuff. I wasn’t putting that emphasis that I put on track into my schoolwork.”

In McKnight’s first action back at the Holiday Inn Invitational, her throw of 46’-2” placed her in the top 10 in the nation in shot put but did not meet up to her standards as she is shaking off the rust.

“I have so much more to bring,” McKnight said. “I’m still not where I want to be. I’m not even happy that I’m No. 10 in the nation. I know I can still throw some bombs.

“Before (Christmas) break, I was throwing 50s. I threw 46 feet last time. I’m not impressed.”

Head coach Scott Lorek regained a top-five national qualifier and has seen growth in more than just athletics.

“Sometimes it takes a situation like that to really make things real,” Lorek said. “The thing I’m so proud of is that she’s improved so much and worked so hard. She a huge part of our program and has become a role model for our team. It’s tremendous for her teammates to see that change.

“There was a chance for her to give up, but that wasn’t going to be it for her.”

McKnight’s situation has put her in a place to



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Senior thrower Lekiesha McKnight practices the weight throw in Bearcat Arena. After not being enrolled at Northwest for a year, McKnight has her sights sat on a national championship.

advise her younger teammates who could be going down the same path.

“I feel like I’m more humble to those people that are struggling, and I want to help them out,” McKnight said. “I just feel like I’m trying to be more of a leader to help them out.”

Lorek does not describe McKnight as a vocal leader but does see how she can lead with her life experience.

“She can talk to someone on the team that is

going through something and is able to connect with them more than I would be able to as a coach,” Lorek said. “It’s more of a subtle leadership just due to how she carries herself.”

With academic success in sight and her goal of coming full circle, McKnight wants to be better in everything she does before she leaves Northwest.

“I want to do big things,” McKnight said. “I want to throw as far as possible. When I left, I was top five in the nation. I’m just trying to go all the way.”

## Men in midst of hot run, eye top spot in MIAA standings



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior guard Bryston Williams looks inside to one his big men in the Bearcats’ 80-68 win of defending MIAA Tournament Champion Central Missouri Jan. 18.

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In a Tuesday night practice before taking on Missouri Southern for the No. 1 spot in the MIAA, senior guard Bryston Williams was letting his teammates know that he was feeling it with yells of ‘let’s go’ after hitting seven straight threes in a shooting drill.

The other guards responded by trying to keep up with Williams with similar shouts of their own. This type of competitiveness and ability to keep drills fresh has led the Bearcats to a midseason five-game win streak.

“That’s something I enjoy doing,” Williams said. “That’s me being me, and also I like to do that to get the other guys going and engaged in what we’re doing. It’s a team thing, but it’s also just me. It keeps them focused and engaged in what we are doing.”

Northwest has been able to ride the momentum of its previous five victories against conference foes to a top spot in the conference.

“They are fun to coach,” head coach Ben McCollum said. “That Kearney game could have went either direction. Bryston hit those two big threes and a layup to send it into overtime. If you don’t win that game, it changes the entire deal. Then you go to Washburn and get down by 19 and win that. Now we had some confidence going, and we put it on the other three teams and played really well.”

The Bearcats lead the conference in three-point shooting by knocking down 45 percent of their shots from behind the arc.

Freshman forward Zach Schneider has been key in the recent hot streak, knocking down 16 of the last 41 threes for Northwest.

“He’s been great for us, and defensively, he’s

### NORTHWEST NUMBERS

POINTS DILLON STARZL (15.2)

REBOUNDS DILLON STARZL (5.4)

ASSISTS DESHAUN COOPER (4.6)

BLOCKS KYLE SCHLAK (0.9)

excellent,” McCollum said. “He’s a tough kid. He’s helped put us over the top as a team, really, by adding that stretch four to our offensive repertoire.”

Despite playing some of the best basketball in recent years at Bearcat Arena, the ‘Cats are still looking for places to grow as a team—specifically maintaining leads late in the game.

“I feel like we’re playing pretty pretty right now, but there are certain areas that we have to work on,” Williams said. “Like in the Central (Missouri) game, we came out with a lot of fire and hit a lot of threes, but once we have that lead, we have to keep it.”

## 7 Bearcats selected to Hansen All-American team

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After going undefeated and winning the University’s fourth national championship, seven Bearcat football players were selected to the Don Hansen All-American Team Tuesday.

The Don Hansen team has been around since 1986. Don Hansen’s magazine, Don Hansen’s National Weekly Football Gazette, was the first magazine to focus on small-school football in the country.

Northwest athletes have been placed on the Don Hansen team 70 times since 1996 with defensive lineman Matt Uhde being the first selection.

Headlining the class is junior

defensive end Matt Longacre who garnered co-Defensive Player of the Year honors along with Colorado State-Pueblo defensive end Datus Allen.

Sophomore defensive tackle Brandon Yost was selected to the second team after racking up six sacks, 8.5 tackles for loss and 58 tackles.

Junior linebacker DJ Gnader was placed on the third team after leading the Bearcats in tackles with 111 to go along with 3.5 sacks and eight tackles for loss.

Senior quarterback Trevor Adams was an honorable mention selection along with being voted as the MIAA Offensive Player of the Year.

Adams threw for 3,605 yards and 30 touchdowns with just six interceptions.



### MATT LONGACRE

60 TACKLES

20.5 TACKLES FOR LOSS

12 SACKS

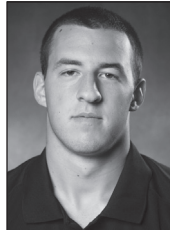


### BRANDON DIXON

1 INT

1 FUMBLE RECOVERY

36 TACKLES



### ERIC REIMER

106 TACKLES

6.5 SACKS

13.5 TACKLES FOR LOSS



### CODY CARLSON

TEAM GAVE UP 18 SACKS

TEAM RUSHED FOR 3,010 YARDS

7,204 TOTAL YARDS



# Students pay respect with annual MLK Peace Week

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Northwest honored a great man this week with events designed to promote ideals that include social justice, social equality and unity among all.

Students and Maryville citizens began the week with a peace march on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and continued the week with several other events sponsored by various campus and national organizations.

Key speakers included Robert N. Page Jr., assistant to the president at the Penn Valley Campus of Metropolitan Community College. Page is known for his work specializing in retention and recruitment programs for students of color, multicultural Greek letter student development and leadership and diversity training.

Other appearances included representatives from the National Pan-Hellenic Council members and the men of Alpha Phi Alpha, a Greek organization with notable alumni, including Olympian Jesse Owens, Justice Thurgood Marshall and Dr. King himself.

Maryville citizen Joan Walker expressed excitement for the events when she attended the peace march.

"I think it's really great the University is putting all these things on," she said. "It's important for kids to continue learning and talking about

what people like Martin Luther King Jr. talked about. It's important that we don't forget how we got here today."

Part of the week-long celebration included a service project put on by the NPHC along with several multicultural student organizations and the Office of Intercultural Affairs. Coins collected during the Change for a Change event will be used to provide schools with supplies and backpacks for K-12 students in northwest Missouri. Events later in the week stressed the importance of education, dressing professionally and achieving dreams despite obstacles.

Senior Amber Siefkas approved of the approach the University and NHPC took to discussing and advocating the possibly sensitive topics.

"I like the fact that they're modernizing it to the needs of our community and making it relate to our generation," Siefkas said.

Siefkas also agreed with Walker's opinion, but added a personal side.

"I think it's important to remember what he stood for and how far we've come as a society, but we still have a ways to go," Siefkas said. "The fight against racism is still going today, and coming from a multi-racial family, I totally understand that. I can still see it every time I walk with my dad into the grocery store, and I think it's important for us to still recognize that."



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Students as well as Maryville community members participated in an annual peace march Jan. 20 to kick off a week honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. from the Northwest campus to the Nodaway County Court House.

## Campus film club enters 48 hour contest

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Making an entire film in two days may be a difficult task for most students. For Northwest's Independent Filmmakers' Club, this is an annual occurrence that allows its members to show off their skills.

I.F.C. has entered itself into the Dordt College Prairie Grass Film Challenge. The challenge is a yearly film competition where the goal of the competitors is to make a five-to-eight-minute film in 48 hours.

Of course, this would be an exhausting endeavor for anyone, but Stephanie Crabtree, producer and vice president of the club, dealt with it the best way she could.

"I have been eating a lot of chocolate and doughnuts to stay awake," Crabtree said. "I have been running on fumes...but we got it done, and it is a huge relief."

While the hectic pace was stressful, Crabtree said she had a lot of fun and bonded with many people.

"I am happy... we learned a lot about each other," Crabtree said. "We gained friendship, and it felt like we became a family."



STEPHANIE CRABTREE | SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Junior Jacob Hubbert frames a shot for the film "Stuffed on You." Hubbert, who has a minor in broadcasting, was the cinematographer in a group of Northwest students, part of the International Filmmakers Club, who shot and edited the short film all in 48 hours, Jan. 18 and 19, for the Prairie Grass Film Challenge. The first place winner will receive a prize of \$250 as well as an engraved plaque.**

Like with any other film, there needs to be a director, and senior Chance Parsons was the man who was put in those shoes.

"It was very interesting... to just direct. You usually do everything in other situations," Parsons said. "Everyone had their own job, and we made everything solid."

In order for the film to be accepted, it had to be a comedy, have a pet and a character named Phil who was a garbage man. The story that ended up being written came about from a long brainstorming session.

"The story is about a trash man

who begins to imagine a stuffed dog as his old dog, Petey," Parsons said. "The name of the movie is "Stuffed on You" and it's on YouTube."

Jacob Hubbert was the cinematographer who took most of the shots of the film.

"We got everything done by midnight then we did all the editing," Hubbert said. "We did it till four or five in the morning."

The Independent Filmmakers Club will see how well it did in the competition when the film is screened at Dordt College in Sioux City, Iowa, Feb. 21.

## Northwest alumna creates Carrick-Lee scholarship

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The mantra for Stacy Carrick, Northwest alumna and vice president of finance for the University, and her husband, Don, is "pay it forward" for future Bearcats. The Carricks will do so by establishing the University's newest scholarship.

Many students who attend Northwest and other universities have to rely on scholarships, student loans and other means of financial aid to receive a degree. These students are considered "caught-in-the-middle" students who will be chosen based on financial need and must be enrolled full-time at Northwest.

In an effort to help these students needing financial aid, the Carricks have donated \$25,000 for establishing the Carrick-Lee scholarship, which is a permanent endowment that can receive future contributions to the scholarship..

"My husband and I set up this scholarship for students defined as 'caught-in-the-middle,'" Stacy Carrick said. "This means that they are students who come from families that don't meet all of the criteria of financial assistance. They are that middle-income family that makes too much money for the federal funding... so they really struggle to help find ways

to pay for their college education."

Because Carrick said the University prepared her for a successful career and that she also had a similar financial-aid background, she wanted to support students today going through what she had to go through. Although the Carricks have donated for the scholarship, the scholarship will not be available for students to apply until fall 2014.

The most recent report on the average student loan debt in the United States is from December 2013, showing that the average after-college debt is \$29,400 for the class of 2012, according to the Project on Student Debt from the Institute of College Access and Success.

Over the last two decades, the population of students attending college has increased from 13 million to 21 million, which also means that more students are borrowing more student loans to pay for college, according to a video from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The CFPB video also said that student loan debts exceed \$1 trillion across the nation.

Though student loan debts continue to increase, the Carricks hope to alleviate the costs of Northwest for "caught-in-the-middle" families with the Carrick-Lee scholarship.

## Dr. Dallas Fitzgerald

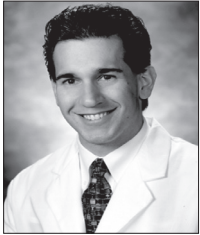
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### Saturday, January 25

Green and White visit day 9:00am	Alpha Gamma Rho water pong 5:00pm
Catholic mass at the station 7:00pm	Kappa Sigma Texas Hold'Em 5:00pm
Last date for 25% refund on dropped trimester courses	Phi Delta Theta Soda pong 5:00pm
Last date for 75% refund on dropped 1 <sup>st</sup> block courses	Phi Sigma Kappa Rush 5:00pm
Delta Chi Pizza and Poker 5:00pm	Sigma Tau Gamma-Bearcat Lames 5:00pm

### Sunday, January 26

Catholic mass at the station 7:00pm

## LOVE & MAYHEM

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# Gov. Nixon talks hot topics during annual State of the State address

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Gov. Jay Nixon announced, in the Jan. 21 State of the State address, that in the coming year the state government will focus on continuing to be fiscally responsible in the legislature, making government smarter and reforming and funding education.

His budget plan includes a \$278 million investment into K-12 education and \$22 million in the fields of science, technology and mathematics. He challenged the entire congressional body by stating more than just hollow promises need to be made if education is to be improved.

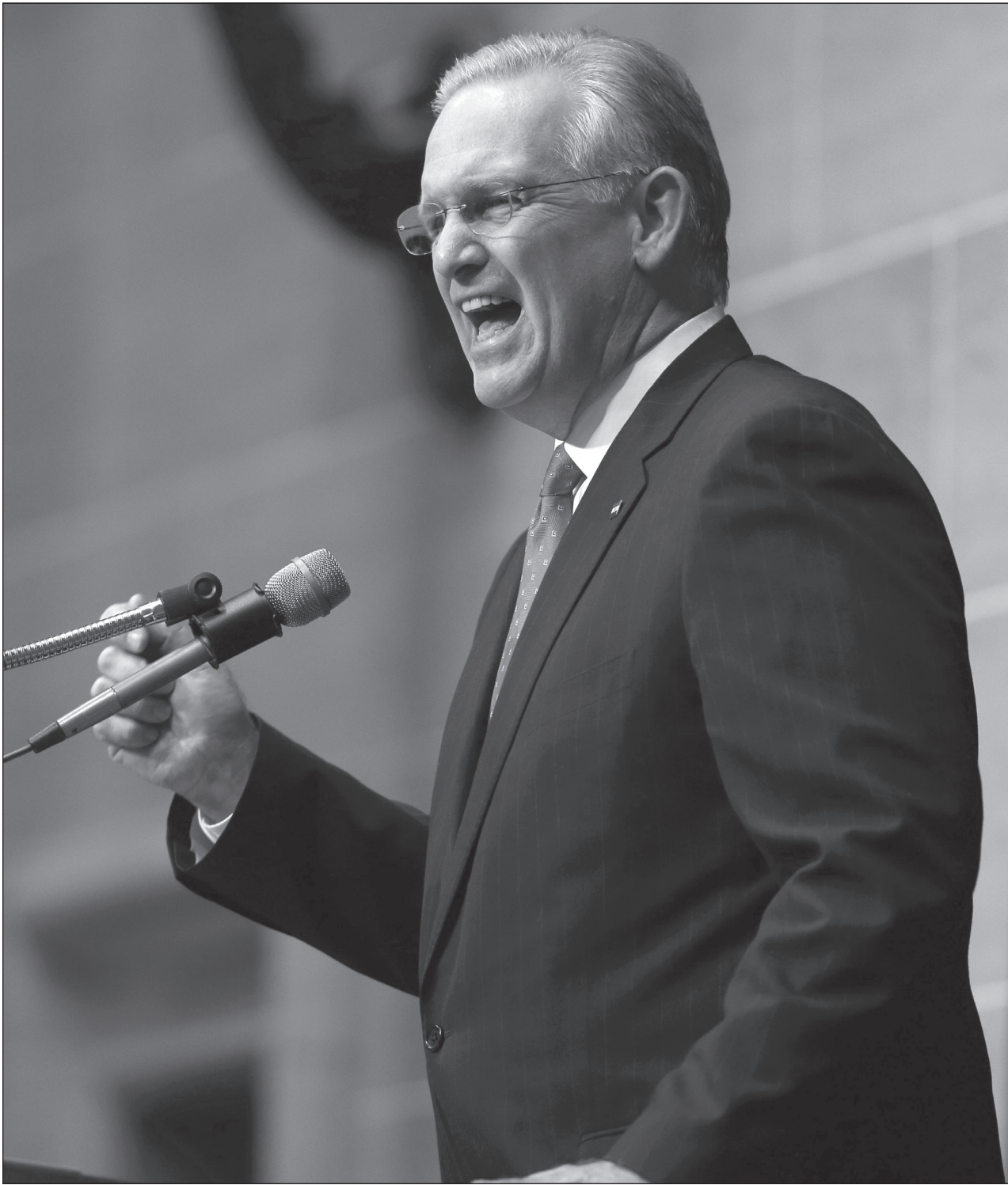
“Every one of us has run for office. And when we knocked on doors and folks asked if we believed in public education – we all said yes.... when someone raised their hand and asked what we’d do for teachers – we said we’d support them. And on the campaign trail, I’ll bet almost all of us made a promise to invest in our students and our schools,” Nixon said. “Well, you know what? It’s time to put our budgets where our campaign brochures are.”

Collegiate level concerns were also on the docket for the governor. The first will be a mandatory freeze on tuition prices. The second will be a \$20 million investment to community colleges and universities to train 1,200 mental health workers.

“It’s clear that we need more qualified professionals to provide that care. Just look at the numbers – 104 of Missouri’s 114 counties are designated as mental health professional shortage areas,” Nixon said. “These are good jobs that are in demand now – we just need the qualified professionals to fill them.”

Two points Nixon brought up around the end of the speech that were very important and led to huge rounds of applause from most of the members of the gallery were government trust and LGBT rights.

“We need to restore the public’s faith in what we do here by reinstating strict campaign contribution limits and passing comprehensive ethics reform,” Nixon said. “And we need to end discrimination against LGBT Missourians in the workplace. No Missourian should be fired because of who they are or who they love. Last year, the Missouri Nondiscrimination Act passed the Senate with bipartisan support, but failed to get to my desk. Let’s get it done this year.”



Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon delivers the annual State of the State address to a joint session of the House and Senate Tues., Jan. 21, 2014, in Jefferson City, Mo. Nixon proposed a nearly half-billion-dollar spending surge for public education.



Students eat lunch Wednesday at Eugene Field Elementary School. If a \$10.25 million bond proposal is approved in April, it could bring several additions and renovations to Maryville schools, including a new cafeteria and commons area for Eugene Field.

## Maryville R-II continues campaign for \$10.25 million

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Students in the Maryville R-II School District may return next year to several additions and renovations to their schools if a proposed bond is voted through April 8.

A \$10.25 million bond is on the ballot for the general municipal election in the beginning of April. The main aspects of this bond are the construction of a performing arts center and practice gym for Maryville High School, the addition of a cafeteria and commons area to Eugene Field Elementary School and secure entrances at all district schools. This bond would also fund necessary renovations or remodeling in the schools. Superintendent Larry Linthacum explained how much work was required and continues to go into the bond.

“We’ve had two Town v all meetings,” Linthacum said. “I’ve spoken to five different civic organizations. We’re going to have an open house in the spring once the plans are exactly finalized and kind of an open house to where we will invite the public in. We’ll have different tables where they can ask questions as we work through this process. We’re also developing a marketing focus group as they campaign for the upcoming bond election as well and how it will affect our community and the positives from that.”

One positive named by Linthacum is the oppor-

tunity for students to have their own space for practice and performance.

“Any of the music performances, like our musical, ‘Grease,’ are in the high school gymnasium,” Linthacum said. “We do have a good partnership with Northwest, but we feel like there’s a need here within the district to have our own performing arts center. We are working through that process as something that will be used, and not just six times a year. We feel like it could be used all throughout the year, maybe for professional development for our staff or testing for our students.”

Linthacum reiterated this will be a no-tax-increase bond issue. The district had the option in August of 2013 to raise taxes 26 cents without voter consent but opted for only a 10-cent increase instead. A date for the public to meet with administrative members will be set toward the end of February, but Linthacum said to expect the meeting to be close to the ballot date.

Maryville resident and Spoofohound alumna Danielle Kelly says she supports the bond.

“I think it’s great,” Kelly said. “A performing arts center and the practice gym would benefit the community at large, as well as benefiting the students and teachers. Three lunch shifts is awkward in terms of scheduling. One shift falls in the middle of a class, making productivity difficult. A larger cafeteria is definitely a necessity.”

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# OUR VIEW: THE BAR AGE

## Renewed push to raise bar age at odds with common sense

Haven't we talked about this already? Wasn't this issue put to bed last year? The easy answer to both questions is a resounding yes.

The students of Northwest Missouri State and the concerned citizens of the Maryville community came together last spring and made a decision. That decision was made after careful, considerate deliberation on both sides of the debate. However, it has become increasingly obvious that the decision made on the bar age issue did not appease many members of the Maryville City Council and other prominent community figures.

City Council, Jan. 27, will reconsider whether to raise the bar admittance age to 21 years old or keep at it 19. The decision to vote again on this issue comes amidst new ordinances that would address "nuisance" house parties and open container laws in Maryville. While you will get little argument from the Missourian regarding a need for more stringent open container laws, a vote to raise the bar age will create more problems than the city claims to be fixing with these proposed ordinances.

As with most attempts to curb underage drinking, the intentions of city officials are noble. No one would argue that underage drinking among college and high school students is not an issue worth addressing. In fact, there are many advocacy groups using common sense and education to present realistic approaches to avoiding this behavior. But the reality is and has always been that underage drinking will occur as long as there are college students and alcohol anywhere near each other.

The problem with much of this proposed legislation is that it attacks the problem of underage drinking as if it's something that can be fixed by force. By excluding minors from places that sell alcohol or promote its consumption, city officials are essentially moving the problem elsewhere. Those places will include out-of-control house parties where dangerous binge drinking is promoted and encouraged. It will also move the problem to social gatherings where other drugs are thrown into the mix along with alcohol.

Now we've heard these arguments before numerous times. Our representatives in Stu-

dent Senate voiced them during the debate leading up to the vote last summer to raise the bar age. What's the opposition saying though? Some that make up the coalition that want the age raised include bar owners. However, this idea is perplexing because there is no law that says individual bars can't set their age limit at 21. In fact, there isn't even any law in the state of Missouri concerning how old people must be to enter a bar.

It is clear that this particular facet of the issue pertains to competition for revenue between bars more than anything else. Another view is that cities with comparable student populations, such as Warrensburg, have raised their bar admittance age in the past and have seen some success. Besides the inherent issues with comparing two unique towns, Warrensburg had serious issues of violence and near riots that prompted them to take action in 2007 regarding bar regulations. Maryville's situation is nowhere near comparable. Also, Warrensburg is a much larger town and has had 600 more liquor law violations than Maryville since 2007, when their new policy was enacted.

The current status of bar patrol and regulation is also a crucial component of any debate of this nature. It is a fact that most minor in possession (MIP) charges occur near or around the bars, where bar patrol is most prominent. One of our stories last year revealed that almost half of MIP charges in a three month period occurred near the corner of Third and Market streets. To the casual observer, an increase in the admittance age for bars would fix that.

What many seem to gloss over is that while the most MIP's are handed out around the bars, minors likely got drunk at one of the dozens of house parties constantly occurring all over town. A study by Maryville Public Safety last year revealed that there were only six incidents of selling alcohol to minors in bars since 2009. That same study also concluded that only 16 percent of minors consume alcohol in bars, compared to over 40 percent who said they drink it at house parties. All of this leads to a simple conclusion. If minors do drink alcohol, they do it largely before they go out because



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

A bartender at Burny's Sports Bar on Third and Market Streets serves beer to patrons on a busy night.

most can't or don't attempt to get alcohol at the bars. If the opposite was the case, the constant police presence around the bars would most likely have led to more instances of procuring alcohol to minors. Also worth noting is the obvious truth that no raise in the bar admittance age will ever completely eliminate underage drinking in the bars.

Shifting to the proposed "nuisance" party ordinance, one must disseminate the house-party culture in Maryville. As discussed earlier, most MIP charges are given around the bars and most underage drinking is done at house parties before people head to the bars.

It seems that while underage drinking is occurring at houses, the police keep their focus on the bars because most house parties are not becoming a nuisance, at least not as of late. Well, what can you imagine will happen if the bar age is raised? The amount of loud, obnoxious house parties will skyrocket due to a lack of other options for underage students hell-bent on getting drunk. This will prompt law enforcement to shift their focus to an increasingly expanding house-party atmosphere throughout Maryville.

Interestingly enough, the nuisance party regulations may address a problem that city officials themselves are creating by raising the admittance age.

In a perfect world, most students would recognize that underage drinking is risky and harmful to their health. In this world, minors would avoid both dangerous house parties and drinking establishments because the law has their best interests at heart. However, when dictating public policy, it's important to avoid making utopian reforms and focus on pragmatic solutions.

A college town will never be a beacon for personal responsibility regarding alcohol, no matter how hard the local government tries to make it that way. It is clear from the data presented and the logical conclusions drawn from a raise in the bar age that the most reasonable approach is for the age limit to remain at 19.

We at the Missourian know most students share our opinion on this matter. So we encourage all concerned students or faculty to attend the City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at City Hall to voice their opposition.

### CAMPUS TALK

Do you think the age to enter Maryville bars should be raised to 21?



"Having the bar age at 19 allows minors to have fun without drinking. It keeps them out of trouble, besides minors will drink elsewhere if they really want to."

Anna Turner  
Elementary Ed.



"Underage drinking is more of a societal issue rather than a problem that can be fixed by new laws. Other countries have passed more relaxed alcohol laws without much issue."

Ben Louchios  
History



"I think it's a great idea. Minors come into the bar and there's nothing to do except to drink. It encourages underage drinking."

Brittney Bott  
Corporate Recreation



"I don't like the idea. People are just trying to have fun, and 21-year olds cause problems at bars too."

Derion Hamilton  
Psychology



"I don't go to the bars here, so it doesn't concern me too much. I prefer to drink at home."

Louis Hageman  
Humanities

## Bars are safer nightlife option for students



The debate over whether 19- and 20-year-olds should be allowed to spend their evenings at local bars is one that has been heated in recent months depending on which side of Main Street you call home. Personally, I was thrust into the discussion last May when I was selected to represent the students of Northwest as the liaison to the City Council of Maryville. When tasked with the position, I was aware that a vote on the issue would be coming soon and was likely to fail, as it did. At the time, no one on the winning side thought the debate would be brought back up in less than a year's time, yet here we stand today with a decision to be reached at 7 p.m. Jan. 27

during the next Maryville City Council meeting.

No one can argue about the legality of minors consuming alcohol, but there are still those willing to risk the consequences in order to live the "college experience" they have seen portrayed in films and pop culture. No matter the restrictions the city places on the age to enter a bar, students will still make plans to hang out with their friends on the weekend. At some point while at Northwest, those plans will likely involve alcohol, whether it is legal or not. With the possible changing of the bar age, Maryville officials will limit students' options when it comes to socializing with their peers in events not put on by Northwest.

Under the current ordinance, 19- and 20-year-olds are permitted to enter drinking establishments unless the bar owner has a 21-and-older policy, as The Pub did. With bar owners standing on both sides of the debate, would it

not be simpler for those supporting the change to alter their own policy? That shift would effectively limit minors to one or two locations to gather at, but would also decrease the locations Maryville Public Safety's Bar Patrol Officers would need to have a regular presence at. That move would also still give students a safe, controlled environment to socialize in.

Personally, I have seen the nightlife of Maryville for a college student from both sides while here at Northwest-house parties versus bars, being a minor versus of drinking age. I can say that I have always felt safer at a bar as compared to a house party. Will incidents still occur at either location? Sure. But the ability for others to intervene in the matter will always be greater at a bar than any house party. In the end, I have to stand on the side of what is the safer alternative for my fellow students, and that is for the bar entry age to remain at 19 years old.

## Reconsider idea of New Year's resolutions

CHRISTI NANCE  
Contributing Columnist | Wellness Center

Every year, we set these ridiculous New Year's Eve resolutions for ourselves. However, how many of you can actually say you have stuck to those? Statistics show that only 8 percent of people who make resolutions truly fulfill them. Together we can make 2014 different. By following these simple steps outlined below, we can change this outcome for 2014.

First, completely forget the word "resolution;" just go ahead and take it out of your vocabulary for 2014. Instead, choose to set a theme this year. A few examples may be movement, assist or save. Your theme should represent something that has been lacking from your daily life that you would like to improve. "Assist" could represent assisting others or volunteering, while "save" could signify saving more money or spending less on unnecessary items. A theme will forgo the specific activities and behaviors and instead focus on a main idea of improvement in your day-

to-day life. For example, "movement" may replace the usual "go to the gym four times a week" or "lose 25 pounds" with the simple idea of getting up and moving at least a little bit every day. Throughout the year, this theme will become second nature.

Next, remember you are human. Everybody will have a cheat day or a slip-up; it is in our nature. We are all bound to make mistakes occasionally. However, do not let these slip-ups discourage you. It is important to push past these obstacles and get back on track. They will only make you stronger. A quote written by John Powell inspires me throughout the year. He once said, "The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing." What inspires you?

Lastly, remember to keep a positive outlook. Although your previous goals have not always been a success, remember this is a new year. This is a new start. Find your own individual theme and allow yourself a few hiccups along the way. In the end, let this be YOUR year and choose to invest in YOU. Bring on 2014!

## Media handling of transgender people called into question



SHANE STEELEY  
Chief Reporter

Sports journalism tends to lend itself more to people whose life is all about sports. Having sports as one's major interest is nothing to denigrate. My journalistic hero, Hunter S. Thompson, was, for most of his career, a sports reporter. However, it sometimes leads to a social obliviousness that needs to be reformed in sports reporting. In a recent article for Grantland.com, an ESPN affiliate, journalist Caleb Hannan, ended up outing a transgender woman by the name of Essay Anne Vanderbilt, who also went by the name Dr. V. Vanderbilt was an engineer who made a new putter that both a career golf commentator and a professional golfer spoke highly of. After doing some digging, Hannan ended up discovering Vanderbilt was a transgender woman.

This was where several ethical problems arose. After being told by Vanderbilt to focus on the science, not the scientist, he decided to dig, which is a noble thing for any investigative reporter to do. The problem is that what you discover, you must

recognize whether it will cause harm or not. Transgender people are one of the most discriminated and misunderstood minorities in America, and informing her sponsors of her status as a transgender woman caused her to feel her life was crumbling and sadly led to her taking her own life. Transgender people tend to commit suicide at a massively larger rate than the rest of the population. Transgender people commit suicide at 41 percent while the general population rate is 1.6 percent.

While I do not want to blame Hannan for Vanderbilt's death, it is still important for journalists to stay up to date on these sorts of subjects. A problem Hannan ended up making was misgendering Dr. V after discovering her birth gender by stating the cliché of "she used to be a man" to her colleagues. Hannan also made a statement about one of her financial backers finding her attractive. Even in the field of sports, news is still the journalist's overall job and to inform, one must be informed. The issue of gender identity is one that rarely makes headlines, but when it does it's not handled with utmost care. This case can be used as a teaching exercise for journalists on how to respect people's pronouns, gender identity and their right to privacy.

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allowing the public to voice its opinions.

The other ordinances can be voted on starting at the Jan. 27 meeting. After the initial vote, Shelia Smail will put together a proposal of the age-21 limit ordinance to be discussed by the Council. The ordinance will then be read for a second time and submitted to a vote.

“I think the City Council is concerned with the health and well-being of students and youth,” City Manager Greg McDanel said. “They are looking at alcohol consumption as a health issue for our community.”

In preparation for the hearing and meeting Jan. 27, city officials put copies of the ordinances online where people can see and comment on them.

“I think we need to have some input on the new aspects,” Fall said. “I think that we will listen if somebody has something new to present to the arguments. To have a rehash of what we went through last time would be necessary.”

According to the open container ordinance, “It shall be unlawful for any person to drink, expose or display any alcoholic beverages in open containers upon the public rights-of-way or city-owned property, or any place open to the public, whether public or private, within the city...” The only current open container law applies to open containers in operating vehicles.

“We are one of the only university-based cities in Missouri that allows 19 and 20 year olds into liquor establishments,” McDanel said. “We are the only university-based community that does not have an actual open container law.”

The nuisance party ordinance states that “It shall be unlawful for any persons having the right to possession of any residential premises, whether individually or jointly with others, to cause or permit a social gathering on the premises to become a nuisance party.” The city defines a nuisance as a gathering of 10 or more people. Authorized law enforcement officers will also have the ability to order a party to disperse under the ordinance.

“I do think that it is crucial that if the bar age changes to 21, we will recommend approval of the nuisance party ordinance, which will allow us to effectively address any spike in house parties,” McDanel said.

The mutual-aid agreement will allow for joint law enforcement efforts by Maryville Public Safety and the University Police Department.

It is clear that two sides have formed to the argument, but Clarence Green, University Police chief, believes it would be hard to say where the real crime is coming from.

“We can’t ever pinpoint the crime that we prevent, so we never know what crimes we are preventing in a bar versus a home,” Green said. “We know that we have sexual assault and substance abuse at house parties, but we haven’t received those reports at bars. It’s about the best of two evils.”

Green, too, is split on the issue of bars providing safer environments for underage students.

“We make assumptions that it’s safer for students to be in that bar atmosphere,” Green said. “Knowing that it’s not a good idea to have people who are underage in a place where their primary mission is to serve alcohol, I could see how that could cause problems.”

With the possibility of underage students omitted from bars, Matt Baker, vice president of student affairs, says the University is still against changing the bar age and will continue to provide safe options for those students on campus.

“This fall, we’ve increased our weekend programming tremendously so students have things to do on those weekend nights sponsored by the University,” Baker said. “The University supported not changing the bar age because we know students’ critique is there’s not much to do in a small town on a weekend.”

“We know that a controlled environment is typically safer than an uncontrolled environment.”



AARON SCARBROUGH | NW MISSOURIAN  
Eugene Field Elementary students Kairi Marsh and Derek Perkins, both first graders, tease their chocolate lab classmate, Lazarus, with a tennis ball.

DOGS

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Kevin Romig said. “But they never had attendance problems when the dogs were coming. The students would somehow find a way to get to school if they knew their turn was coming with Moses.”

The couple found the dogs were an incentive for students and helped to provide a positive connection with reading. Julie explained the dogs provide more than just a reading partner, though; they serve as a bridge for students who struggle with socializing or

making personal connections.

“While we have goals, they have levels they mark and stuff, sometimes what they need is just to sit and have 20 minutes with an unconditionally loving being,” Julie said. “Especially Laz; he has done such great work with some of the students here who have already opened up.”

Moses and Magellan, known as Jelly by most students, are often spotlighted for their work with reading students. Besides being listeners, Moses loves to cuddle, and Jelly has a few tricks up his sleeve: he can pick out the book to read for their session and choose sight words for the stu-

dents to read.

Lazarus, while patient, does not do as well with reading as the other two. Kevin and Lazarus can often be found simply making bonds and working on friendship, especially with autistic students or those dealing with emotional or behavioral issues. Kevin calls Lazarus a hero for his patience and compassion when it comes to working with the children.

The Romigs emphasized the dogs are not service dogs or just therapy dogs, but instead are a part of their family.

“They’re therapy dogs,” Romig said. “But they’re our pets and they’re

not perfect. That’s what makes them special. They’re still dogs.”

They also said the love the students have for the dogs is not a one-way street. The dogs enjoy the program as much as the students. On daily walks, the trio will attempt to pull their owners to the school to see their children.

“We have to tell them ‘there are no kids there today,’” Julie said.

Individuals interested in participating as animal-human volunteers can check out the Pet Partner page, [www.petpartner.org](http://www.petpartner.org), or contact Kevin and Julie Romig for more information about testing and becoming certified.

REC

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“This is a trend that several universities are doing; they are beefing up their recreational fitness facilities. We think it’s going to be a win-win for everybody.”

Some of the center’s features would include a 30-foot climbing wall, human abilities and performance labs, a dance and yoga studio, as well as multiple levels that would host cardio equipment.

According to Baker, the new center could cost near \$3 million, most of which would be paid for in the University’s budget and through a student fee. Tjeerdsma says, however, that fee will not go into effect until the project is

completed. Year memberships for campus fitness centers range from \$70 per trimester to \$125 for one calendar year.

“With schools like Central Missouri and Nebraska-Omaha having nice fitness centers, we want to be competitive in the marketplace,” Baker said. “It really seems like it’s the right time to reinvest in the campus, to have something that students are really excited about.”

The group has proposed a fee of \$4 per credit hour. Though the fee would apply to all students, the fitness center would have no membership fee.

One of the influences behind the plan is to open space in Lamkin Activity Center to allow for improvement for varsity team space,

as some teams’ locker rooms compare to those in “junior high,” according to Tjeerdsma. He continued to say that those facilities are “kind of embarrassing.”

Though it would be the most advanced fitness center at Northwest, Tjeerdsma said it would be strictly for student use and would not be used for varsity athletics.

The group chose Convergence Design in Kansas City to develop a preliminary design and is searching for a project manager.

“This is a much better opportunity for (students) to take care of their fitness needs,” Tjeerdsma said.

The Aquatic Center closed in Feb. 2012 due to University budget cuts. The group hopes to have the project voted on this spring.

PARKING

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“There are so many places we could put a new parking lot,” Hogan said. “Maybe even get rid of some of the scooter spots.”

Clarence Green, University Police chief, feels that there is plenty of parking for commuters. He believes the problem is that many commuters do not know they can park in certain places.

“I would encourage students to look up where they can park; some may not know where they can park,” Green said. “There are several places to park.... the Delta Sig parking lot and the Sigma Phi Epsilon lot as well.”

Parking for commuting student workers is an issue that both Green and Monica McCollough, University Police communications and project coordinator, believe should be worked on.



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There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

**Jan. 6**  
An accident occurred between an unknown driver and Hertz Rental, Alcoa, Tenn., at the 2900 block of South Main Street.

An accident occurred between David W. Chase, 32, and Brett J. Long, Maitland, Mo., at the 100 block of East First Street. Chase was charged with careless and imprudent driving, failure to register a motor vehicle, displaying the plates of another, driving while suspended and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

**Jan. 10**

Robert W. Witt, 21, was charged with driving while intoxicated, equipment violation, failure to register a motor vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 100 block of West Third Street.

An accident occurred between Mark J. Taylor, 23, and Sherri D. Burns, 43, at the 200 block of South Mulberry Street.

**Jan. 11**  
Austin T. Joseberger, 18, Kansas City, Mo., was charged with minor in possession and littering at the 400 block of North Mulberry Street.

**Jan. 12**  
Cody A. Clements, 21, was charged with driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain right half of the

roadway at the 1200 block of East Seventh Street.

Sarah E. Verman, 41, Burlington Jct., Mo., was charged with failure to comply and resisting arrest at the 400 block of North Vine Street.

**Jan. 13**  
An accident occurred between Emily D. Smith, 21, and Ruth M. Mercer, 50, at the intersection of South Main Street and West Thompson Street. Smith was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 1100 block of North Walnut Street.

**Jan. 14**  
Damille G. Dixon, 19, was charged

with possession of drug paraphernalia at the 1200 block of West 16th Street.

**Jan. 17**  
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 600 block of South Main Street.

**Jan. 18**  
Maria E. Esparza, 18, was charged with minor in possession at the 200 block of West Sixth Street.

Quante L. Ford, 19, St. Joseph, Mo., was charged with affray at the 300 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of domestic assault at the 300 block of East Thompson Street.

Hailey G. Johnson, 19, Blue Springs, Mo., was charged with assault and property damage at the 200 block of West Jenkins Street.

An accident occurred between Adam Thompson, 18, at the 24000 block of State Highway EE.

**Jan. 19**  
David D. Luna, 24, Mound City, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct at the 200 block of West Fourth Street.

Jeremy L. Booher, 20, was charged with permitting a peace disturbance at the 1200 block of West 16th Street.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and Jennifer R. Asher at the 1100 block of South Main Street.



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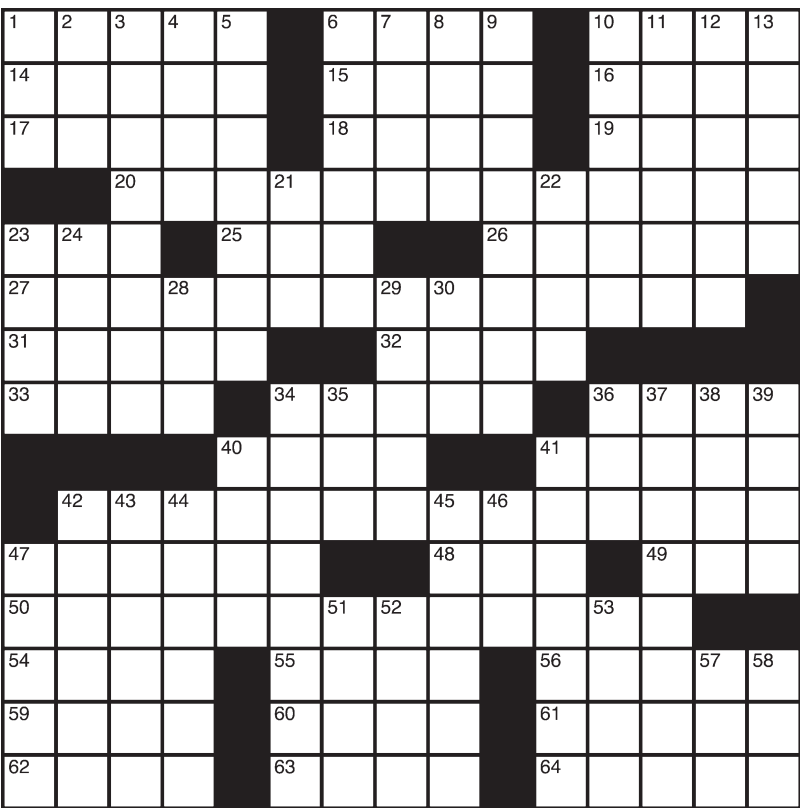
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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your tendency to say what you feel can come across as being impolite. Many, however, appreciate your honesty and unwillingness to mince words.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

A loved one needs some help, Taurus. This week you will have to figure out a way to assist this person and still tend to your own pressing affairs.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, focus your energy on someone important. This may be a friend, family member or even a romantic partner. Brush up on your relationship skills in the meantime.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

You have a natural charm that immediately puts others at ease, Cancer. If you are wooing a client, they will be putty in your hands. Just open your mouth, and you will win them over.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, your stubbornness comes into play this week, and it could cause a rift with friends or colleagues. Try to see their point of view, and put off any serious disputes for another time.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, spend a little time this week plotting your next getaway. You tend to be happiest when you’re on the move and exploring. Everyone needs an escape now and then.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Enjoy some local culture this week, Libra. Take in a concert, an art show or a theater performance. Just enjoy anything that will educate and entertain at the same time.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you may find that someone you thought was weak is much stronger than they appeared. This person may not need as much of your assistance as you initially thought.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, analyze any problems you may have by breaking them down into smaller tasks. Then you can tackle one thing at a time and come to a happy resolution.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, your children or the youngsters in your life will be the center of your universe this week. Make the most of this time and enjoy kids’ carefree natures.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

This week may be a little boring, Aquarius. Make the most of your down time, as you could use a few slow days to recharge your batteries and plan your next move.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You are bubbling with energy, Pisces. Make the most of this energy by exercising, partying or taking a day trip.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 26

Anita Baker, Singer (56)

JANUARY 27

Mikhail Baryshnikov, Dancer (66)

JANUARY 28

Elijah Wood, Actor (33)

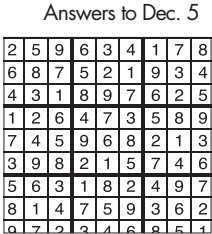
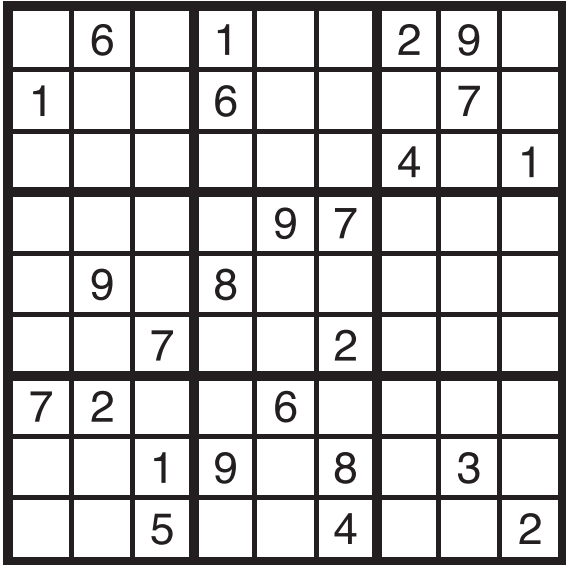
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Oprah Winfrey, TV mogul (60)

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Rearrange the letters in the word to spell something pertaining to fitness.

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Answer: Stretch

*Guess Who?*

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Answer: Tom Selleck

**EXERCISE WORD SEARCH**



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- REPETITIONS
- RUNNING
- SETS
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- SPOT
- SQUAT
- STAIRS
- STRETCHING
- WALKING
- WEIGHT
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- WINDOUT
- YOGA





**PUCKER UP**

The kissing bridge tucked behind Colden Hall is rumored to be the place where student love begins. Freshmen, pucker up. The legend says girls are supposed to receive a kiss on the bridge before the first snowfall of the year. This has been a Northwest tradition for several decades.

**B-E-A-R...**

Every Bearcat knows the chants and cheers at all the sporting events. No matter if you are a freshmen or a senior, you should know at least the typical B-E-A-R-C-A-T-S.



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**BOOKSTORE OBSESSION**

If you haven't spent hours walking around the bookstore looking at shirts and hoodies, you haven't had the true Bearcat shopaholic experience. Most students walk around aimlessly, drooling over all the Northwest attire and spend too much time charging those fuzzy sweats with the cute little paws to their accounts.



**PARKING LOT BATTLE**

No matter what year you are, fighting for a close parking spot is always a struggle. Hiking from the last spot in the lot to your dorm or class is like the walk of shame on a Sunday morning, especially in the winter.



**CHEERS TO THE FREAKING WEEKEND**

By the time you're an upperclassmen, the local bars in town become your usual hang-out. Wednesdays become your favorite night of the week because it's mug night. When you are a freshman, it's a big deal to be at a bar for the first time, but as an upperclassmen, it's just the average Tuesday... or Wednesday or Thursday or maybe even Monday.



**BUMPER STICKER CRAZE**

It is no surprise when you are driving down the highway on the way home and you pass about a zillion cars with little, sparkly Bearcat paws on the windows. Small, big, old, new, the Bearcat paw bumper sticker is a must-have for most students on campus. They decorate our cars and represent our home away from home.

**STARBUCKS BLISS**

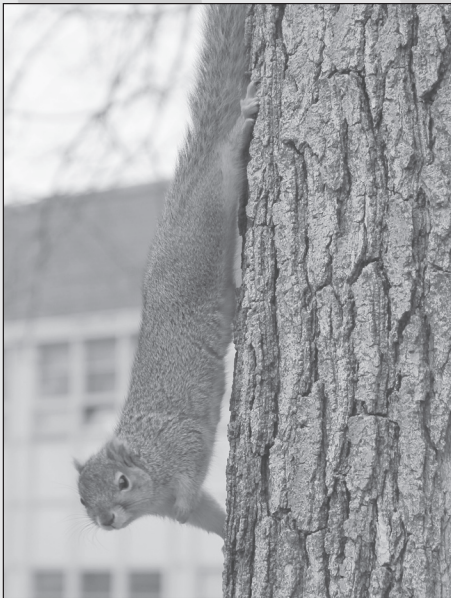
Whoever came up with the idea of a Starbucks in the library, props to you. We Bearcats love our coffee, frappuccinos and hot chocolates. And after being here a few years, caffeine becomes your best friend. It may be the only reason we make it to our early classes or even get out of bed in general.

**NETFLIX IS YOUR BEST FRIEND**

Yes, homework is important, but as a Bearcat, Netflix is definitely a perk to the college life. Movie nights are the perfect time to relax and have fun with friends. Also, after a stressful day, it is nice to curl up in bed with a nice series to watch. But let's not let it consume our lives.

**SQUIRRELS ARE PEOPLE TOO**

The wind blows through your hair, and the leaves on the trees rustle in the background as you stroll peacefully to class. Until... your little squirrel friend darts out in front of you. This causes you to suddenly stop in your tracks and mutter profound language under your breath while you try to restrain yourself from looking like an idiot to the rest of your colleagues walking to class. They fling, scurry and scamper across campus, and if you haven't had an encounter with our furry little guests, beware. They are everywhere.



# Believe it or not: You're one of us

**HALEY VICKERS**  
Features Editor | @Hay\_Dayy

As a Bearcat family, we have a lot in common. But as we grow, change and advance as a generation, the things we partake in evolve with us. As a freshmen, we are a little timid and scared, but once Mom and Dad leave and second semester rolls around, the true party beast comes to life. As sophmores, please. We know the drill. Get good grades, be successful, have fun with friends. Juniors, now we are really living.

But, we are also thinking more seriously about what we are doing with our lives. Seniors, It's the same thing, just 10 times more stressful. Friends, we are finally a full-blown adult at this point, but still a Bearcat at heart. The Missourian has developed a sequence of events that all Bearcats have in common. This is a general outline of what we do year by year, day by day. So brace yourselves Bearcats, here is your criteria for being initiated into the on-going family.

**SECRET ADMIRERS**

Eventually, it has to happen, right? Someone has to think you're attractive or cute or funny... If someone is crushing, the best place to hint at it is the NWMSU Secret Admirers Facebook page. There is nothing more fun and flattering than being mentioned on this page, and of course, sharing your fame with all your friends.

**D2 FOOTBALL = LIFE**

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**T-SHIRT HEAVEN**

Every college student knows comfort is the answer. When we roll out of bed and throw on those sweats, do we really care? No, we don't. Why? Because it's college, and frankly, no one cares what you look like. So after a few years of being a Bearcat, we acquire 50 thousand Northwest T-shirts lingering in our closet. No one's going to judge you. But we might if they smell and are thrown all over your dorm floor.

**PACKING THE POUNDS**

As a freshman, you are supposed to pack on the freshmen 15. Most Bearcats probably add a few layers while at school. Who couldn't? Those cookies in the J.W. Jones Student Union are to die for. And did I mention the brownie shake at Einstein Brothers?

**BEEN THERE, DONE THAT**

In the small town of Maryville, there seems to always be something happening. But after living here for a few years, everything seems the same. Year by year, it's the similar stuff and small-town drama.



# Boys lose Nally indefinitely, coach looking for replacements to fill forward’s void

JOEY TUCKER

Chief Sports Reporter | @joetuckc311

The Maryville boys’ basketball team will have to weather a difficult season and play without its leading scorer for the remainder of the year.

Senior forward Trent Nally suffered a high ankle sprain and possible bone chip in the Jan. 17 loss to Falls City, decimating an offense that has averaged a meager 40 points per contest on the year.

Head coach Mike Kuwitzky said he is looking for someone to step up in Nally’s place, giving several underclassmen substantial minutes in the ‘Hounds 54-39 loss to Mid-Buchanan Monday.

“Anybody. Anybody that can (step up), please,” Kuwitzky said. “We gave some of those younger players some minutes. We’re just getting them ready. We’ve got some good young ones coming. We’re just kind of taking some lumps this year, but down the road some good things are going to happen around here.”

Junior guard Mitch Worthington did his best to fill the void in the loss

to Mid-Buchanan, which dropped Maryville to 4-10 on the season. Worthington finished with 14 points and had the ball in his hands down the stretch.

Worthington and the Spoofhounds will look to get on track and avenge an earlier loss to rival Savannah. The Savages took it to the ‘Hounds earlier in the year, winning 51-15 in the Savannah Tournament.

“First thing we have to do is go back and watch the film of our first game and recognize what we need to do different this time,” Kuwitzky said. “Second of all, I think we have a pretty good idea of what they’re going to do.”

Savannah plays through senior guard Bert Ernst, who leads the area with 23.5 points per game. Without Nally, who manned up on Ernst in the first match up, Kuwitzky said he plans to rotate defenders to guard Ernst.

“We’re going to have to guard him by committee, keep running guys in there and let them guard him for awhile,” Kuwitzky said. “But he’s the key to their team. He’s really good.”

The Spoofhounds play Savannah at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Maryville.



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior center Jacob Cacek battles his defender in the post during the Spoofhounds’ 54-39 loss to Mid-Buchanan at home. Maryville lost its scoring leader, senior swingman Trent Nally, to a high ankle sprain for the rest of the year Jan. 17.

# Maryville girls fall in 4th consecutive game without star

TYLER BROWN

Chief Sports Reporter | @Tyler\_Mitchel

The Spoofhound girls’ basketball team continues to slide down the win-loss column as it is still waiting on senior Chelsea Byland to return from injury.

Maryville has lost all four of the team’s games since Byland has been out with a stress fracture, but head coach Grant Hageman believes his team is on the right track.

“I think the main thing, and you know we have worked a lot on shooting in practice,” Hageman said. “We can’t go backwards as far as taking care of the ball. Our turnovers each game have been dropping. Our steals have been going up, and we have actually been turning the ball over less than the other teams.”

In Byland’s absence, Hageman has turned to two other seniors on the team—Cassie Holtman and Gabby Church—for leadership. Hageman also alluded to the fact that Byland embraces her role on the team’s bench.

“Our other two seniors are great leaders,” Hageman said. “And even Chelsea is still being a great leader right now. She comes to the open gym. She’s at film. And she has done a great job mentoring the younger players.”

With his top player on the bench, Hageman urged his team to make the hustle plays, but it was not enough as Maryville fell to Hamilton 35-23 Tuesday night.

“I think we have outthusted our opponents the past five or six games or now,” Hageman said. “And that’s what I keep telling those girls. If they keep playing hard like that, our defense is right where it needs to be. We just got to have our shooting and take care of the ball. That’s got to



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior guard Anny Van de Ven takes her defender off the dribble in Maryville’s 35-23 loss to Hamilton Tuesday.

catch up, and once it does, we’re in ball games. And when you’re in ball games, you have more energy and you have better defense.”

With the hustle and defense Hageman’s team is displaying, he is hoping the Spoofhounds will have their offensive woes solved when or if Byland comes back.

“Obviously, she is our best scorer and shooter,” Hageman said. “The only way we can look at it right now is this is making our team better for the opportunity if Chelsea comes back. That way if she comes back, we have more depth.

# Wrestling battling injuries heading into weekend conference tourney

TYLER BROWN

Chief Sports Reporter | @Tyler\_Mitchel

The Spoofhound wrestling team will head into this weekend’s conference tournament with the sole intention of getting better individually.

The conservative approach is prompted by the team’s injury bug taking its toll on the roster.

“We’re going to work on individuals,” head coach Joe Drake said. “That will be our focus at the MECs. We got some kids that we hope can do well individually. We got some kids hurt that we don’t even know if they will be able to go. There is a lot that is up in the air right now when it comes to injuries.”

Sophomore 160-pound Trever Zimmerman went down with an elbow injury at Saturday’s Bedford tournament and has been declared out for the MEC Tournament.

“We know he is not going Saturday,” Drake said. “He hurt his elbow, and I think we are going to go on the cautious side at this point because there is more important things at the end of the season rather than worrying about the conference tournament.”

Junior and 2013 fifth-place state finisher 126-pound Nathaniel Alexander has been out with a shoulder injury since last Thursday.

“(Zimmerman and Alexander)

would be the two main ones we’re missing right now,” Drake said. “Then we got about three more individuals that are going to be out for the tournament. It’ll be filling holes and make due with what we have. A lot of it will be to just see who we can get healthy by the weekend.”

Drake realizes with his 3-8 team record and all of the injuries, that his team will have a difficult time competing with the rest of the MEC competition.

“Team-wise, we’re not going to perform well,” Drake said. “We’re going to have several open weight classes, and with the injuries being key people, we’re not going to score a lot of points in the tournament. But that’s not a concern of ours. Ours is to get them healthy and to get them ready for districts at the end of the season. It’s just not a big deal.”

Although Drake does not expect his team to compete at the highest level, he does expect some individuals to do so, barring injury.

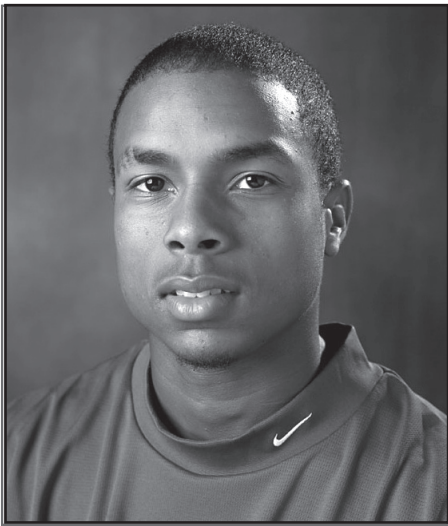
“(Brendan) Weybrew should have a good individual and so should Dane (Hull),” Drake said. “If we get Alexander healthy, we expect those three to do well in the tournament. If they’re not healthy, then they’re not going to go. Trever (Zimmerman) has really come on of late, so we’re disappointed he’s not going to be able to go.”

# ATHLETES of the WEEK



## BEARCATS

### DeShaun Cooper



Senior point guard DeShaun Cooper led Northwest in a win over Central Missouri Jan. 18 with 16 points on 6-of-10 shooting to go along with five assists.

### Annie Mathews

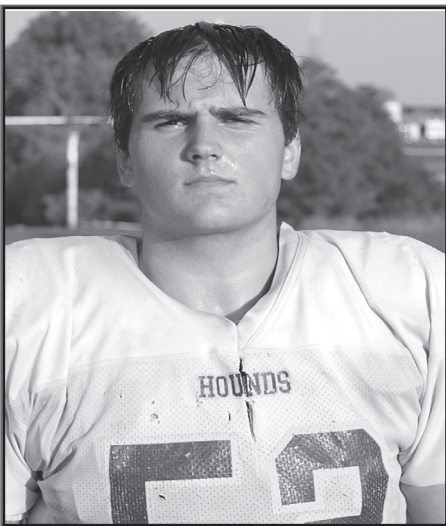


Although the Bearcats fell to No. 8 Central Missouri Jan. 18, junior forward Annie Mathews continued her recent hot streak with 14 points and four rebounds.

## SPOOFHOUNDS



### Brendan Weybrew



Junior heavyweight Brendan Weybrew is expected to be a force in the Midland Empire Conference individual wrestling meet this weekend in St. Joseph

### Gabby Church



Senior forward Gabby Church led the Spoofhounds with seven points in the girls’ 35-23 loss to Hamilton Tuesday night. Maryville has lost four straight games.

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# Mathews, women show signs of improvement

DALTON VITT  
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Following a grueling last couple of weeks, including six games in 14 days, the Northwest women's basketball team will enjoy the luxury of a seven-day break.

After last night's game against Missouri Southern, the Bearcats have a week-long hiatus until a Jan. 30 matchup with Lindenwood in St. Charles.

"It'll give us an opportunity to get rested up," head coach Michael Smith said. "Fortunately, we've been lucky to be injury-free ... It'll also give us an opportunity to maybe put some new things in, especially as we get ready to play the second round of our division play, trying to change up some things offensively and make us a more versatile team."

In the last five games, junior forward Annie Mathews averaged 12.8 points and 9.2 rebounds, including two double-doubles.

"I've been coaching a number of years, and I have to say that from the start of the season to this point right now, Annie has had the biggest turnaround of any player I've ever coached," Smith said. " ... She's a quiet vocal person, but she's sure led by example and I've been very proud of her efforts to get to where she's at."

"There's no doubt that she's one of the top-tier players in the MIAA right now with just her competitiveness."

Results from last night's game against the Lions were not available as of press time, but a full game story can be found at [www.nwmissourirnews.com](http://www.nwmissourirnews.com).

With seven teams in the MIAA owning a record above .500, Smith believes the conference, and with it his team's schedule, are some of the hardest in the country.

"It's only gonna help you," Smith said. "With my teams in the past, it's always been, 'it's not where you start, it's where you finish.' We've always been playing our best basketball at the end of the season - knock on wood. We're trying to incorporate that here at Northwest as well."

"The main thing is always trying to stay positive with your players ...

"We play that well against a team that's top 10 in the country, I feel like we're a top 10 in the country team. We go through our losses, we go through our hard times, but we'll grind out the whole season."

Ariel Easton

As we get down to the single-digits of the MIAA schedule, there are teams that easily compare with us and could put us over the edge as far as trying to get us into the postseason."

After a Jan. 18 loss to No. 8 Central Missouri, junior guard Ariel Easton shared Smith's thoughts on the difficult slate.

"We've come a long way as a team, fighting through battles and different types of situations," Easton said. "(Against Central) we had that energy, and we had the crowd behind us."

"We play that well against a team that's top 10 in the country, I feel like we're a top 10 in the country team. We go through our losses, we go through our hard times, but we'll grind out the whole season."

Easton averages 16.3 points per game to lead Northwest, good for fourth in the MIAA.

The confidence stemming from competitive games is mounting, but following the loss to the Jennies, Smith said there are "no more moral victories" for the Bearcats.

"Our kids are starting to believe in themselves," Smith said. "Earlier on as a new coach, I was on them pretty good just trying to let them understand that there were a level of expectations here for the future with me being the head coach ... Now that they've understood that I have not let down any, it's either you're gonna buy in and do it the way we wanna do it and do it the right way, or else. This team is really starting to buy in."



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior guard Monique Stevens drives by a Central Missouri defender in the Bearcats' 67-62 loss to the No. 8 Jennies. Stevens finished with nine points, four rebounds and two assists in the loss.

# Missourian discusses upcoming season with star hitter

DALTON VITT  
Asst. Sports Editor | @DaltonVitt

Heading into the 2014 season, the Northwest softball team is loaded with inexperience to go alongside just two seniors.

Out of 18 total players on the roster, nine are freshman, and senior third baseman Kristen Uthe will become a



KRISTEN UTHE

key contributor for the Bearcats both on and off the field with her ability at the plate and as a leader.

Dalton Vitt: How important will it be for the freshmen to get the hang of college softball early so they can contribute later in the year?

Kristen Uthe: I think it's going to be really im-

portant. There's going to probably be like four or five freshmen in starting roles.

DV: What has Baylee Scarbrough shown so far that shows she could have an impact on the team?

KU: That she can hit the ball really hard. She's going to be a really important hitter. She has a good plate approach and everything—I was really impressed the first time I saw her.

DV: Do you think you're even

more important to this season's lineup than last year's because of all the young players?

KU: I think so. Last year I got sick halfway through the year, so it wasn't my best year; I kind of fell out of an important role. I think coach (Ryan Anderson) wants me to talk to freshmen about hitting because I think a lot of them look up to me because I work really hard and I guess I have the stats for it. I think I'll be helpful.

## STORY



Go online to see the rest of the Q&A with Uthe.

# Young legs give spark to runners

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Through three meets early in the indoor track season, Northwest relied on strong performances from underclassmen, specifically in the Jan. 17 and Jan. 18 Holiday Inn Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.

Two young stars shone especially bright in freshman Tim Grundmayer and sophomore Nolan Zimmer.

Grundmayer broke the 1,000-meter school record with a time of 2:29.40, finishing fifth. Zimmer completed the 3,000-meter race in 8:30.80, good for seventh.

With several meets behind his team, head coach Scott Lorek is pleased with his young athletes.

"Quite honestly, like with Nolan and Tim, I really didn't know how fast they were capable of right now," Lorek said. "So they did surprise me in that way ... They ran a lot faster than I thought they would right now."

Another strong point has been the throwers, both on the men's and women's sides, led by freshman Caleb Mather and senior Lekiesha McKnight, respectively.

Mather finished the Holiday Inn Invitational 15th with a final throw of 14.73 meters for the best Bearcat finish in the shot put.

McKnight garnered seventh in the shot put on the women's side with a best throw of 14.09 meters.

"The throwers and coach (Paul) McKim just do a great job of internal enthusiasm," Lorek said. "If you've been around coach McKim at all, he's loud, he's enthusiastic; there's no way that can't be contagious."

"They just do a great job as kind of their own entity supporting each other."

Northwest will head to Central College for a pentathlon/heptathlon this weekend in Pella, Iowa.

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